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SUBJ: FURTHER NEWS ABOUT GROUP FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF
MOZAMBIQUE PROBLEM (GPSMP)

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1. SUMMARY: FURTHER TALK WITH DR. JOANA SIMIAO INDICATES
GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED GPSMP'S LEADER; GROUP
IS ANXIOUS TO GET ITS REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED AS OBSERVERS
IN UN; GROUP HOPES TO PERSUADE MOZAMBICANS IN U.S. TO RETURN
HOME, AND ACTIVELY SEEKING EXPAND ITS BASES OF SUPPORT IN-
SIDE MOZAMBIQUE; PORTUGUESE REACTION REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

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END SUMMARY.

2. IN HER THIRD CONTACT WITH US - A TWO HOUR CONVERSATION AT MY RESIDENCE - DR. JOANA SIMIAO MAINLY REPEATED WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

3. GOVERNOR GENERAL STILL HAS NOT SUMMONED MAXIMO DIAS, THUS PRESUMABLY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAETANO. SIMIAO SAID GPSMP WOULD WAIT UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 28 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, AND IF STILL NO WORD FROM GOVGEN, DIAS AND THREE OTHERS WOULD FLY TO LISBON TO SEEK ANOTHER MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. SIMIAO SPECULATED THERE MIGHT BE SOME HINT IN CAETANO'S NEXT PUBLIC ADDRESS OF HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS GPSMP.

4. GPSMP'S MOST IMMEDIATE GOAL IS TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED AS OBSERVERS AT UN MEETINGS TO COUNTER-BALANCE PRESENCE OF FRELIMO REPS. SIMIAO SAID SHE WOULD USE HER OWN CONNECTIONS WITH CATHOLIC HIERARCHY TO TRY TO GET UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM VATICAN, AND HOPED TO CONTACT APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN PARIS, WHOM SHE KNOWS, FOR HELP. SHE ALSO HOPES MAKE SELECTED AFRICAN LEADERS AWARE OF GPSMP. FOR EXAMPLE, SHE IS TRYING, WITH HELP OF FRENCH CONGEN IN LOURENCO MARQUES, TO GET WORD TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL, AND WOULD LIKE FIND WAY OF REACHING PRESIDENT GOWON OF NIGERIA.

5. SIMIAO ASKED IF WE COULD HELP PERSUADE MOZAMBICANS NOW RESIDING IN UNITED STATES, WHO ORIGINALLY LEFT MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, TO COME BACK TO WORK WITH GPSMP. SHE ALSO WANTED TO REACH "REFUGEES" IN NAIROBI WHO WERE REPORTEDLY DISILLUSIONED WITH FRELIMO. WITHOUT ANSWERING HER QUERY, I SUGGESTED ABSENTEES MIGHT BE RELUCTANT RETURN MOZAMBIQUE UNLESS THEY WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THEY WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR PAST ACTIONS. SIMIAO SAID SHE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS POINT WITH JORGE JARDIM, AND HOPED HE COULD ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE GUARANTEE OF AMNESTY FOR RETURNEES. SHE SAID SHE WILL SEND US LIST OF MOZAMBICANS IN US WHO MIGHT WISH TO RETURN.

6. SIMIAO STRESSED GPSMP WOULD NOT KNOW TRY TO RECRUIT OPPOSITIONISTS, AS THIS MIGHT JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS TO GET CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATION OF PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. BESIDES, "WE KNOW THEY WILL BE WITH US", SHE SAID. NOR WILL GPSMP TRY TO WIN SUPPORT AMONG THOSE AFRICANS ROUNDED UP AND JAILED BY DGS IN JUNE 1972, AS THESE ARE, IN SIMIAO'S WORDS, "FRELIMO ACTIVISTS". GPSMP IS, HOWEVER, COUNTING ON SUPPORT OF SPECIAL AFRICAN TROOPS (GES AND GEPS), WHOM SIMIAO CALLS "OUR MILITARY RESERVE", AND OTHER AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS PORT WORKERS UNION WHICH FOLLOWS LEAD OF CASSAMO DAUDE, ONE OF GPSMP VICE

PRESIDENTS.

7. MONEY IS GREAT CONCERN OF GPSMP. SIMIAO INDICATED MAXIMO DIAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH BANK TO RAISE CAPITAL FOR PROVIDING LOANS TO FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSMEN, STUDENTS AND OTHER POTENTIAL SUPPORTERS.

8. COMMEFT: AS ONLY UNIVERSITY EDUCATED, POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS, NATIONALISZIC MOZAMBICAN WOMAN TO APPEAR ON SCENE, (APART FROM DR. CUSTODIA LOPES, FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOMAN AND MARIA DIAS, MEMBER OF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, WHO ARE BOTH THOROUGHLY INTEGRATED INTO THE PORTUGUESE SCHEME OF THINGS), DR. SIMIAO IS OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE TO WATCH. SHE IS AGRESSIVE AND DYNAMIC, BUT PERHAPS TOO MUCH IN A HURRY TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITHIN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ACCEPTABLE TO PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE FEELS TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR PORTUGUESE TO COUNTENANCE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS GPSMP. HE FEELS CAETANO'S PERSONAL POSITION TOO TENUOUS FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT GPSMP PROPOSALS: IF HE TAKES ONE STEP IN THAT DIRECTION, HE WOULD BE CAST ASIDE BY POWERFUL FAR-RIGHT ELEMENTS IN PORTUGAL. I AM NOT SO SURE: CAETANO MAY WELL REALIZE THAT COOPERATION WITH SOME SUCH MOVEMENT PROVIDES WAY FOR PORTUGAL TO RETAIN INFLUENCE IN LONG RUN BY MEANS SHORT OF OUTRIGHT REPRESSION. THUS SOME SUBTLE PORTUGUESE BEHIND-THE-SCENES SPONSORSHIP OR SUPPORT OF GPSMP SHOULD NOT YET BE RULED OUT.
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